



Executive Directive 9 (2005)

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON THE REAL ID ACT

Introduction

In 2004, Virginia implemented practical enhancements to our driver licensing processes to keep the threat of terrorism from dramatically altering our lives. These changes were designed to meet federal goals for security while preserving levels of service demanded by our citizens.

In May of this year Congress passed the Real ID Act, which for the first time creates national standards for state-issued driver's licenses.

If this legislation is not properly funded or implemented, it will become an expensive, unfunded federal mandate that will affect every person who applies for or holds a Virginia driver's license or identification card. Several of the requirements, particularly those having to do with verification of documents used to acquire a driver's license, are potentially expensive and technologically difficult to implement. Implementation of this Act may well substantially increase the amount of time and money required for Virginia residents to obtain or renew their driver's license or identification card. Careful consideration must also be given to ensure the protection of Virginians' personal information. To minimize any negative impact, Virginia's response to the Act must be well thought-out and carefully planned.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the *Constitution of Virginia* and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, Chapter 1 of Title 2.2, I hereby create the Governor's Task Force on the Real ID Act of 2005.

The Task Force

The task force will initially consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor and serving at his pleasure. Additional members may be appointed by the Governor at his discretion. The task force will be chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Staff support will

be provided by DMV, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, and such other agencies as the Governor may designate.

Responsibilities of the Task Force

The task force will be responsible for the following:

1. Reviewing the Real ID Act and raising public awareness about its potential impact on Virginia, including but not limited to the potential increased cost of licensure, administrative burdens on the public and businesses, and the potential benefits of the Act;
2. Exploring options for compliance with the Act while protecting the security and integrity of Virginians' personal information;
3. Recommending action steps to be taken at the federal and state levels to minimize the impacts of any unfunded federal mandates, remove impediments to compliance, and to ease the cost and administrative burden of the Act;
4. Identifying a timeline for implementation; and
5. Recommending strategies for Virginia to take to address the Act.

The task force shall also examine other issues as appropriate.

Reporting Requirements

The task force shall issue a report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2005.

Effective Date of the Executive Directive

This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2005, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive directive.

Given under my hand this 19th day of September 2005.

Mark R. Warner, Governor